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James R. Passing General Attorney

via fax (202) 565-9004 and mail Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re:

Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 250X), Norfolk Southern Railway Company -

Abandonment Exemption - in Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois -

Notice of Exemption

Dear Mr. Williams:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSR) consents to the issuance of a trail use negotiation condition with respect to the abandonment of the 0.18-mile railroad line between Milepost UM-28.50 and UM-28.68 at Urbana, IL, in Champaign County, IL (the "Line"), that was the subject of the Notice of Exemption filed by NSR in the captioned proceeding. NSR has not consummated the abandonment of the Line.

While NSR will negotiate in good faith with the Urbana Park District on an agreement for interim trail use of the Line, NSR's consent to the issuance of a trail use negotiation condition does not guarantee that an agreement will be reached.

Very truly yours,

James R. Paschall

cc via fax: 217-344-9585 Mr. Todd Peck, Project Manager Urbana Park District 901 Broadway Ave.
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